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Fooing Courts and Juries with Big Words.

BY LEO.

Dr. Evans, who is on the stand for cross examination in the Thaw case, is said to have boasted that he had fooled courts and juries by using big technical words and phrases. Whether he made such a boast or not he seems bent on doing so in this case. He never calls spade a spade, but an implement for turning over the soil and dig trenches.

Insanity is something tolerably well known, but Dr. Evans spurns the plain word and speaks of "mental condition of unsoundness", which is a vague expression. A fit of anger is somewhat common, conveying to the mind a definite idea. The alienist chooses to use the more poetical but less understood expression "brain explosion" and "severe brain storm."

Why does he use such swelling words and phrases? Probably he remembers the words of Talleyrand, "Words are used to conceal thoughts." This is true in the old diplomacy; probably this poetical witness thinks the same right in expert testimony. Jerome has had considerable difficulty in making the man give a plain, unequivocal answer to his questions.

Dr. Evans has in mind two things, to-wit, making out Harry Thaw temporary insane—insane for the purpose of shooting his rival—and thereby keep the murderer from the electric chair and avoid the making of him an insane man altogether, and thus save him from the mad house for life.

Courts of justice should give little heed to expert testimony in a case of this kind, for a rich criminal can, for money, secure plenty of expert testimony to prove any cranky man emotionally insane or temporarily insane. And for this reason very many of the moral degenerates of our large cities are somewhat insane at all times.

The real insanity in this case is moral insanity. That is plainly seen in the three prominent figures in this trial—Stanford White, Harry Thaw, and the young woman in the case.

White was a man of fine intellect, an accomplished architect, and withal a man of prepossessing presence, but he was a moral leper. His evil passions overshadowed his good qualities and made him an unsafe man in society.

The prisoner at the bar is obviously no better than the rival slain by him. He lacks moral sense. His conscience is a negligible quantity. In brief, he is a degenerate, a morally insane man.

As to the young wife, we dislike to pronounce a harsh judgment, but her hideous revelation of herself under cross-examination by Jerome, shows her no better morally than the men in the case. She was a bad young girl.

This trial is going to cost a vast sum of money. The Thaw family is rich and will be relieved of much money. That is all right. But the taxpayers of New York will have to pay, too. Some wicked people are costly to the state.



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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE COURT.

Sale of real estate at private sale reported in estate of Mary Wolf; sale confirmed and deed ordered.

Inventory and appraisal, also motion to increase widow's allowance, filed in estate of Daniel Nease.

Widower of Jennie Fitzwater elected to take under her will.

Sale of real estate confirmed and deed ordered in guardianship of Robert Reed et al. Inventory also filed.

Order granted to sell real estate at private sale in estate of Martha J. Weston, and sale reported.

P. C. Fellers, surviving partner of firm of Byers & Fellers, filed inventory and appraisal of partnership assets, and he elected to take the same at appraised value; bond given for payment of debts, and administratrix ordered to convey real estate.

Last will of Christopher Sheffield was filed for probate; hearing March 9 at 9 o'clock.

Final account filed in guardianship of Irene Coblentz.

Sale of real estate confirmed and deed ordered in guardianship of Bessie Stump and Clara Stump et al.

Order to sell real estate at private sale issued in estate of Allen Stonerock.

Clement Long was appointed guardian of Nellie and Keenan Long. Bond \$2000.

First account filed in guardianship of Maud Faulkner; fourth account by guardian of Mary and Elizabeth Shoffer.

G. Fred Trittschuh was appointed administrator, with will annexed, of estate of Stephen A. Greer. Bond \$15,000. Same person was also appointed guardian of Raymond Cottrell. Bond \$600.

Petition filed to sell real estate to pay debts in estate of A. L. Stahl.

Fourth account filed in guardianship of Catharine Lindamood, and first account in guardianship of Owen Holloway et al.

Order to appraise real estate issued in guardianship of Irwin Gibboney et al.

Final account filed in estates of Martha Miller, and Isaac Broadstock; first in estate of Barbara Alsbaugh; third in guardianship of Ora Trace.

Inventory and sale bill filed in estate of Amanda Rhoades, and inventory in guardianship of Lovina Rhoades.

JUVENILE COURT.

In the matter of Dee Ford and Orval Foster, delinquent children. Affidavit filed charging assault and battery; former entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to Boys' Industrial School; sentence suspended during good behavior; to pay costs in 15 days. Orval Foster pleaded guilty to assault, was fined \$10 and costs

and placed on probation.

State of Ohio vs William Merrill. Information filed charging malicious destruction of property; plea of guilty; fined \$5.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John E. Wion, 22, farmer, and Dora Vanatta, 20, both of Adams township.

George Fansler, 28, farmer, and Cora May Grimes, 26, both of Greenville township.

John Ross, 24, street car conductor, Dayton, and Clara Tipple, 22, Jackson township.

George Miller, 37, farmer, of Greenville township, and Susie Smith, 37, York township.

Allen Pitzenberger, 63, farmer, Gilberts, and Mrs. Lucy Carver, 60, Mississinawa township.

Harry Swisher, 25, painter, Laura, Ohio, and Sylvia Baker, 19, Monroe township.

Thomas Woodman, 27, farmer, and Bessie E. Reck, 21, both of Neave township.

Harley Witwer, 21, farmer, and Emma Hile, 19, both of Adams township.

Ira Kimmel, 33, farmer, Brookville, and Lydia Baker, 29, Pittsburg.

Lewis Potter, 21, laborer, city, and Alpha Michael, 21, Rossburg.

Lewis Clifford Yingling, 21, farmer, Greenville township, and Anna Ethel McKinley, 18, Greenville.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

NEW CASES.

18387—Mary Etta Bicknell vs Oda Mae White et al; for partition of real estate.

18388—John Hill vs Lola Lawrence et al; to quiet title.

COMMON PLEAS DECISIONS.

Mary Burns, administratrix, vs Frank Hartle et al. Motion to require plaintiff to separately state and number her reply overruled.

Manford Spencer et al vs Jacob Spidel et al. Motion to set aside verdict of jury and for a new trial overruled; plaintiff to recover \$100 from defendants.

State of Ohio, ex rel Ethel Davis, vs Ward Long. Motion for new trial overruled, defendant to pay plaintiff \$350 for support of child.

C. N. R'y Co. vs Joseph Alexander et al. Motion to strike out part of defendants' answer sustained.

Victor Lachat vs Rachel Williamson et al. Motion to require defendants to make their answer more specific and certain overruled; plaintiff granted until March 5, to file reply herein.

C. S. Medford vs J. C. Medford et al. By agreement settled; plaintiff conveys to John Medford, a minor, his undivided interest in the premises for \$1400.

Elizabeth Culbertson vs Wm. Harper. Motion to strike out a portion of plaintiff's petition overruled; defendant given leave to further plead by March 7.

Emanuel Crampton vs D. O. Klinger. Default opened up and

leave given to file answer.

Pearl Giberson vs Hugh Giberson. Divorce granted.

Emma Alexander vs Balser Horn. Trial to jury; finding in favor of plaintiff, and assess amount due her at \$1438.52.

Luther Martin vs People's Banking Co. Trial to jury; finding in favor of plaintiff and fix amount due him at \$169.43.

Ezra Post vs Auditor Culbertson. Court finds that there is no error in the tax returns of plaintiff and defendant is perpetually enjoined from placing the said sum of \$69.20 on the tax duplicate.

Treasurer Rogers vs Anjumila Breden. Defendant's total assessment on Main street paving improvement reduced from \$410.89 to \$388.50, and on Broadway paving improvement from \$371.52 to \$351.48.

Hester Ellen North vs Hezekiah Fry et al. On application, Greenville National Bank made a party defendant with leave to plead.

Frederick Rudolph vs George Schlemmer et al. Motion to require plaintiff to separately number and state his several causes of action stated in his reply and cross-petition sustained.

By order of court Ralph C. Jones is to have temporary custody of minor child, Henry Weed, on his furnishing bond for \$1000.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Minerva Adams to Elmer Adams, lot in Bradford, \$100.

A. Erisman to C. W. Willis, lot in Union City, \$1400.

Mary Thompson to Mary Marker, 21 1/2 acres in Greenville township, \$3000.

Hiram Rhoades to Ed Altie, 68 acres in Franklin township, \$10,000.

Cora Byers, administratrix, to P. C. Fellers, lot 5 and a small tract in Castine, \$2184.45.

Noah Royer to George Noggle, 50 acres in Harrison township, \$4400.

Nancy Sink to Frank Birt, 40 acres in Wabash township, \$2000.

Henry Arnold to Margaret Cordonnier, 20 acres in Wabash township, \$2000.

Cyrus Zeller to Charles Ketterow, 1 1/2 acres in Brown township, \$135.

Mary Knaus to M. J. Laving, 31 1/2 acres in Allen township (undivided interest) \$725.

Elvina Fisher to J. H. Hile, undivided half of 50 acres in Wayne township, \$1668.

S. D. Croft to A. Finkbone, 40 acres in Wabash township, \$2100.

Frank Miller to J. H. Sheets, 156 acres in Wabash township, \$10,250.

Carrie Dorwin to Mary Coppock, 70 acres in Adams township, \$5000.

John Martz, guardian, to Jennie Martz, undivided third of 100 acres in Greenville township, \$1000.

Jennie Martz et al to Wm. E. George, 100 acres in Greenville township, \$10,200.

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Orville Rhodes to Elias Overla, 20 acres in Allen township, \$700.

M. C. Frank to L. E. Edwards, 40 acres in Washington township, \$3400.

Nate Webster to Sid Lambert, lot in Greenville, \$3000.

Harry McNeal et al to M. J. Spidel, 160 acres in Washington township, \$11,000.

M. Cain to Allen Swabb, 10 acres in Franklin township, \$1700.

George and Frank Schlemmer to S. McBride, 76 acres in York township, \$7000.

Aaron Pearson to D. Cottrell, 40 acres in Franklin township, \$5000.

W. M. Parker to J. H. Burkett, 32 acres in Harrison township, \$900.

Jacob Flory, guardian, to Druce Goodwin, undivided 2/3 of 80 acres in Jackson township, \$298.21.

Reuben Schaffner to R. C. and D. Goodwin, undivided 1/2 of 80 acres in Jackson township, \$496.42.

Ira Deweese, guardian, to R. C. and D. Goodwin, 2/3 part of 80 acres in Jackson township, \$477.14.

Simon Stump et al to R. C. and D. Goodwin, 80 acres in Jackson township, \$8350.

C. M. Judy to A. Carns, 51 1/2 acres in Greenville township, \$4900.

Mina Ludy to Wm. Pretzman, 30 acres in Greenville township, \$3000.

Wm. O. Corwin to Pharo Baker, 90 acres in Van Buren township, \$11,250.

O. Moist to J. H. Null, 50 1/2 acres in Neave township, \$5700.

Mary Dwyer to David Ludy, 13 acres in Greenville township, \$4700.

Lydia Clark et al to H. Hanschild, 80 acres in Patterson township, \$6500.

J. T. Himes to S. A. Overholser, 20 acres in Richland township, \$1500.

John Fellers to W. O. Fellers, 80 acres in Twin township, \$4000.

Daniel Miller to J. R. Snyder, 1 acre in Allen township, \$560.

J. Long to J. R. Snyder, 19 acres in Allen township, \$1140.

Ed Reigle to Dewalt Brewer, 41 acres in Jackson township, \$4100.

H. Burkett to F. I. Hartman, 40 acres in Jackson township, \$4400.

William Westfall to Ed Wright, 80 acres in Mississinawa township, \$3500.

A. M. Ward to Robert Davidson, 5 acres in Brown township, \$850.

H. J. Burns to D. R. Rhoades, lot in Osgood, \$100.

E. E. Ludy to S. B. Paul, 1 acre in Van Buren township, \$400.

C. M. Shellhouse to J. E. Henry, 40 acres in Wabash township, \$4100.

John Hershey to Simon Polei, 80 acres in Greenville township, \$6800.

W. H. Oliver et al to J. E. Brown, 14 acres in Jackson township, \$1500.

S. A. Hawes, guardian, to J. W. Garrison, undivided third of 60 acres in Butler township, \$600.

W. Trace to J. W. Garrison, undivided two-thirds of 60 acres in Butler township, \$1400.

Marion Hixson to A. L. Oehrman, lot in Woodland, \$675.

J. B. Wolf to H. H. Peschke, lot in Versailles, \$100.

M. G. Medford et al to W. H. Hathaway, 80 acres in Harrison township, \$4500.

W. C. Mote to Oscar Mote, 97 acres in Neave township, \$5900.

D. Kester to A. M. Sipple, lot in Pikeville, \$600.

Robert Davidson to D. Skillman, 5 acres in Brown township, \$1050.

S. E. Pitsenberger to J. T. Clark et al, 112 acres in Wayne township, \$8250.

James Stines to C. S. Stubbs, lot in Greenville, \$2500.

Mary Miller to C. S. Stubbs, 88 acres in York township, \$5600.

Harry Smith to B. F. Coppock, lot in Gettysburg, \$850.

Anna Miller to Mary Dwyer,

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H. H. Kimmell to John Stoner, 10 1/2 acres in Franklin township, \$1800.

Susannah Wolf to Charles Watterly, 11 1/2 acres in Wayne township, \$1200.

Ed Haines to Adelbert Martz, small tract in Greenville, \$750.

Catharine Kress to Jacob Horine, 20 acres in Monroe township, \$2010.

J. F. Berner to J. E. Kline, small tract in Greenville, \$1250.

Daniel Brock et al to James Stines, lot in Greenville, \$2500.

D. M. Miller to C. F. Sheffer, 40 acres in Allen township, \$3500.

Christian Arnold to Simon P. Stump, 10 acres in Mississinawa township, \$1200.

Philip Manuel to D. A. Puterbaugh, 50 acres in Washington township, \$5300.

Arthur Jefferies et al to J. C. Oldham, 60 acres in Wabash township, \$4500.

A Humane Appeal.

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Otterbein.

Otho Detrow was called to Maryland last week on account of the death of his mother.

Miss Opal, daughter of William Collins and wife, died Sunday night about 9 o'clock of spinal meningitis.

Charles Hoff and family, Glen and Diller Howell spent Sunday with Perry Niswonger's family.

Miss Nellie Vietor spent Sunday with Miss Catharine Shaffner, of near Castine.

Mrs. Martha Shumaker is still very poorly. Wesley Hemp is improving.

Mrs. Galbreath spent Sunday afternoon with Ezra Slifer and wife.

Several changes were made last week. Sam Grubbs moved to Greenville. Jesse Broadstock moved to Grubbs' place. Dora Hendrickson moved to near Gordon, Ohio.

There seems to be an epidemic of the gripe in this vicinity.

Quarterly meeting was held Saturday night and Sunday, at which the presiding elder preached.

Health in the Canal Zone.

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